

INVITATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
Colorado Department of Transportation
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST (RFSOI)
COMPARABLE PROPOSALS FOR
I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR ELIGIBLE PROJECT
Public Notice for Professional Consultants

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is requesting Statements of Interest (RFSOI) from any firm or consortium of firms or other entities (Qualified Parties) interested in submitting comparable proposals for the co-development of a multi-modal project (the Project) to an Unsolicited Proposal (USP) to relieve congestion and improve mobility on the I-70 Mountain Corridor (the Eligible Project).

The Eligible Project was proposed by PARSONS in a USP submitted on July 15, 2011 to the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE), a government-owned business and division of CDOT. Upon the recommendation of the HPTE, CDOT will solicit comparable proposals, similar in nature and scope to the USP, as described in the RFSOI.

CDOT intends to use a two-phase solicitation process to select a Qualified Party with which to contract for co-development of the Project, pursuant to the provisions of part 12 of title 43, Colorado Revised Statutes (Public-Private Initiatives Program). In this first phase, any party with the minimum qualifications (Qualified Party or Parties) may submit a statement of interest (SOI).

In the second phase, CDOT will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the short listed Qualified Parties.

PROJECT GOALS

CDOT has established the following goals for the Project (Project Goals); the Project should:

1. Deliver a long-term, multi modal solution to the congestion and mobility issues on the I-70 Mountain Corridor (i) that is consistent with the I-70 Mountain Corridor Record of Decision and Final PEIS and the Corridor Core Values), (ii) that integrates the I-70 Twin Tunnel Project and (iii) includes a transit element.
2. Recognizing the limited availability of transportation funds for the Project, provide an innovative delivery solution with minimal need for financial support from state and federal sources.
3. Maximize risk sharing and cost sharing with the private sector in the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.
4. Minimize inconvenience to the travelling public and corridor communities, and maximize safety of workers and road users and provides access for emergency services.
5. Maximize opportunities for local workers, businesses, and communities in the Project.

Interested Consultants:

- **Informational Meeting**

All responders to this RFSOI are required to attend an informational meeting on Friday, **March 30, 2012 at 9:00 am, Mountain Standard Time, in the Trail Ridge Conference Room, CDOT Region 1, 425C Corporate Circle, Golden, CO 80401. Please call Jim Bemelen ahead if time to schedule appearance by telephone if you are unable to appear in person.**

- **Proposer Questions and Clarifications**

Questions and requests for clarification regarding this RFSOI must be submitted in writing to CDOT's Corridor Manager, as described in Section 1.5.1 of the RFSOI. To be considered, all questions and requests must be **received by 10:00 am, Mountain Standard Time, on April 6, 2012.**

- **Submit seven (7) copies** of the Statement of Interest no later than **12:00 noon local time, MONDAY April 23, 2012**, to:

Jill Sweeney
Contracting Officer, Agreements Program
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., 4th Floor - Central
Denver, CO 80222

The RFSOI, along with the Exhibits and Attachments must be obtained from the address shown above or from the CDOT website: <http://www.dot.state.co.us/Consultants/> Previous editions of the instructions should not be used.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL BE REJECTED. THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST MUST COMPLY WITH THE FORMAT REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE REFER TO THE RFSOI. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT AS PROVIDED IN THE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST MAY RESULT IN YOUR SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED.

Questions of a technical nature regarding this project may be directed to:

Name:	James Bemelen
Organization:	CDOT Region 1 Corridor Manager
Telephone:	(303)365-7010

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

All Qualified Parties are required to provide Colorado Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) the opportunity to compete fairly for contracting opportunities on this project. Qualified Parties shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex and shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of the contract.

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 and the CDOT DBE Program Plan, CDOT will establish a goal for DBE participation on the contract. The goal will be based upon subcontracting opportunities within the contract and ready, willing and able DBEs to perform such work. The goal will be set forth in the RFP. A proposer will not be eligible for contract award unless such

proposer demonstrates good faith efforts to meet the goal.

CDOT encourages the Qualified Parties to consider opportunities for DBEs at this preliminary stage. A list of current DBEs and their certified work areas can be found on the Colorado UCP DBE Directory at <http://www.coloradodbe.org/>.

The specific requirements of the DBE program will be provided in the RFP and contract.

EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

CDOT's Emerging Small Business (ESB) Program is an incentive based program. The details of the ESB incentives for this project will be provided in the RFP and contract.

CDOT encourages the Qualified Parties to consider opportunities for ESBs at this preliminary stage. A list of current ESBs and their certified work areas can be found on the CDOT website at <http://www.coloradodot.info/business/equal-opportunity/emerging-small-business-program>.

This Project-Specific contract work will be done on an "as needed basis." The term, "as needed," means that neither CDOT nor the Consultant has an obligation under the contract unless and until a task order is issued.

CDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The right is also reserved by CDOT to reject any and all submittals.